



NATION'S DIVIDE MIRRORED ON CAPITOL AVENUE

The Connecticut State Capitol was host to two competing political rallies Saturday afternoon. Supporters of Joe Biden gathered on the north side of the Capitol for a "Count Every Vote" rally that was transformed into a celebration when Biden was declared the winner of last Tuesday's presidential by several major television networks. Supporters of President Donald Trump rallied on the south side of the Capitol to support Trump's claim that the election had been "stolen" by the Democratic party for Biden. Following the rallies, several Biden supporters (above, left,

including Natalie Langlaise, with megaphone) stood along the south side of Capitol Avenue while Trump supporters (above, right) lined the north side. For over an hour, the two groups traded jeers, cheers and insults. Initial results of the election gave Biden a decisive victory with 290 electoral votes to Trump's 214. But Trump has refused to admit his defeat, saying voting irregularities were responsible for Biden's victory and launching a series of law suits in hopes of reversing the results of the election. The actual winner may not be officially declared for weeks. (Hart photos)

FROM BORINQUEN TO HOLLYWOOD, BY WAY OF HARTFORD

A 1968 HPHS grad's new memoir is a vivid story about coming-of-age in the city, and overcoming obstacles to success.

BY ANNE GOSHDIGIAN

The 280 Main Street apartment building at the corner of Charter Oak Avenue where Luis Rivera grew up in the 1960s no longer exists, but his memories of that neighborhood and the people and places—one of the city's original Puerto Rican enclaves—are still fresh. He was born in Puerto Rico and spent time in Chicago before arriving in Hartford. The book is almost poetic in the way it evokes a time, place, and culture; non-fiction that reads like a compelling novel. It's a page-turner full of intimate and sometimes heart-wrenching vignettes of family strife—poverty, death, and divorce—with twists and turns and bumps on Rivera's long road to career fulfillment. Fitting in was not easy, and there were several roadblocks, but there are also beautifully recounted episodes of help that came from unexpected places, and several moments filled with humor, the joy of reconciliation, and spiritual grace. And throughout, the heart and soul of it revolves around the Latino experience in the United States.

I was in the same class as Luis Rivera at

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Access Health Open Enrollment Period Open Now Through December 15

Access Health CT (AHCT) has announced that the 2021 Annual Open Enrollment period has begun. Connecticut residents can enroll or renew their health insurance plan on the marketplace from November 1 to December 15, 2020, with their coverage starting on January 1, 2021.

Access Health CT is the state's official health insurance marketplace, where you can shop, compare and enroll in quality healthcare plans; and it is the only place

where you can qualify for financial help to lower your costs, or be eligible for free or low-cost coverage through HUSKY Health (Medicaid/Children's Health Insurance Plan/CHIP).

During the last few months, AHCT has worked to improve and adapt its enrollment channels to help as many residents as possible get the coverage they need; taking all the necessary safety measures to help people

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Hartford...Once Upon a Time



Ah, the good old days! Election Day, 2008: local Democrats gather at Union Station in Downtown Hartford to watch the results come in on a giant television screen. In the middle of a speech by U.S. Senator Chris Dodd, the crowd bursts into cheers. Dodd turns to look at the TV and sees that Barack Obama had been declared the winner in the presidential race. Shortly afterward, his Republican challenger, John McCain, conceded and graciously called to congratulate Obama. That had always been the tradition – until now. The good old days indeed! (Hartford News File Photo)

NEWS BRIEFS

MARG Meets Tonight

The Maple Avenue Revitalization Group (MARG) will hold its monthly meeting tonight, November 12, at 6 pm in the lower level of Saint Augustine Church, 10 Campfield Avenue, Hartford. Public safety in the neighborhood will be the main topic of discussion and Sharmese Walcott, the newly appointed State Attorney for the Hartford Judicial District will be the guest speaker. The public is welcome. Please wear a mask and practice social distancing to protect yourself and others. For more information call Hyacinth Yennie at 860-296-5543.

Foodshare Food Distribution Extended through Nov. 24

Foodshare will continue its biweekly distribution of free food at Rentschler Field, 615 Silver Lane, East Hartford, every Tuesday and Thursday from 8:30 am - 12:30 pm through November 24. The distribution is open to residents of Hartford and Tolland counties who have been economically burdened by the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic.

Saint Patrick/St. Anthony Turkey Drive

Saint Patrick/St. Anthony Church will

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Politically Speaking

A Fresh Look at Issues
Facing our Region & State

BY MIKE MCGARRY

Hartford Progress Through History

As local historian Bill Hosely says, “Hartford has a billion dollars of cultural assets,” with an emphasis on history. But, he added, the city has never really taken advantage of its incredible mix of cultural icons and the stories behind them.

Hartford Blooms will highlight these assets in its tours next year.

So, as Connecticut hopefully begins to emerge from the COVID-19 crisis with the recently announced vaccine and a more concerted effort to combat the pandemic on a national level, let’s plan for a great set of tours next June!

The tours (see below) will cover most of the city. They’ll be held in the morning and will also recommend a restaurant near-by for lunch and some activities for the afternoon (many of which will be free).

Those who are in either sponsoring or attending one or more tours should email: mikem1944@aol.com or drop a note to Hartford Blooms Heritage Tours, c/o Hartford Blooms/KofC, 140 Farmington Avenue, Hartford, CT 06105.

Friday Night, June 4th: Opening Reception

Time, place to be announced. Free to all registered participants.

Saturday, June 5th: Katharine Hepburn’s Neighborhood

See the legendary Hollywood star’s childhood neighborhood, Asylum Hill. Plus hidden gardens, historic churches and fantastic architecture.

Sunday, June 6th: Hartford’s Fabulous West End

Visit Elizabeth Park, private gardens, the Wallace Stevens Walk and recent neighborhood enhancements.

Wednesday, June 9th: Downtown Hartford’s Hidden Gardens

Tour Downtown and see unusual

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From Borinquen to Hollywood

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Hartford Public High School. We didn’t hang out in the same crowd, but I and many others were very aware of him, a tall, handsome, charming, well-dressed guy who participated in many school activities. He stood out. The Latino presence at the school was small then—about 10% of the student population was Puerto Rican, Cuban, Peruvian, and Colombian. Another classmate who’s a filmmaker is working on a documentary about Hartford in 1968, and eleven diverse classmates are participating, Luis and I among them. I interviewed him by phone from his home in Virginia Beach about his book. *Living Between Cultures: From Borinquen to Hollywood*, with the conversation focusing on his years in Hartford. During the 90-minute call I was held captive—willingly—by his eloquent and detailed answers to my prepared questions.

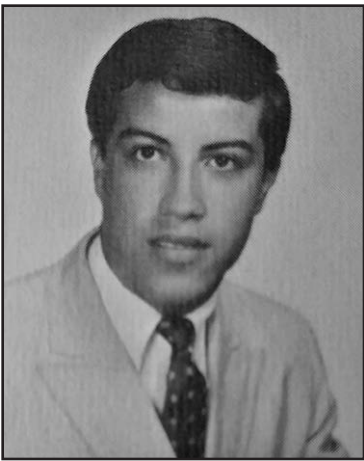
AG: *You attended Kinsella – a neighborhood school – before entering HPHS in 1964 with its thousands of students. How was that different?*

LR: I was hyper – ADHD before that term was being used – and I would wind up in the vice-principal’s office nearly every day. The principal Dr. Yetman, would see me in there and then ask me what had happened. He was a visionary and gave me a tremendous amount of grace. He listened, and encouraged me to branch out and try new things. Then we had a catalyst. Miss Italia and Mr. Smiley ran the ESL (English as a Second Language) program. They gave me the okay to start the International American Club, made up of kids of various ethnic backgrounds—Puerto Rican, Polish, Portuguese, Italian, and French-Canadian—learning about and celebrating each other’s cultures. I wanted to start a Spanish language column in the school newspaper, “The Owlet”, and I got the okay for that, too.

AG: *At our Senior Reception formal your date was Sharon Dash, a Black student and cheerleader, at a time when students of different races dating was unheard of. What was the reaction to that?*

LR: I had heard Sharon didn’t have a date, so I asked her and told her I’d be honored if she would go with me. Also, we wanted to make a statement. We weren’t sure how people would take it and were made aware that it might be frowned upon. We definitely got some looks when we showed up.

AG: *I remember when you and Marcelina “Tutty” Sierra did a salsa dance at the Language Club*



Luis Rivera as a senior at Hartford Public High School in 1968 and today.



assembly, where you were also the emcee. How did that make you feel?

LR: Nervous, but very happy! I was excited that the school would allow us to share our culture.

AG: *Luis, in your book you mention how frugally you had to live after your parents divorced; you, you mother; and your younger brother Benjy had to share a bedroom in your tiny tenement apartment. Yet you always dressed very well in fashionable clothing. How did you manage that?*

LR: (Laughing) I remember that I had a pair of old worn out khakis for school that my mother would wash and press every night. One day at school I heard a noise that turned out to be those khakis splitting the seam in the seat. I stood up, my underwear was showing, and everybody was laughing. So I really wanted to get a job in order to buy some good clothes. My mother said that anything I earned would all be my own spending money. I got an evening job at the Institute of

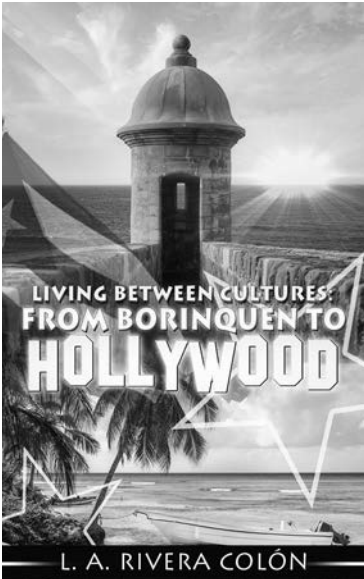
worked as a cook and manager at several restaurants. One day the grinder shop owner said “Rosa, it’s time you opened your own business.” She asked him how she could possibly afford to do that. He wanted to sell and asked her how much money she had. When she told him \$750, he said that would do, including all the equipment and furnishings. She started by serving mostly rice and beans dishes and then gradually added to the menu. The place became famous and word spread. People would come from Boston and New York for the food and there were often lines out the door. When another spot opened up across Main Street, she opened another branch of the restaurant there. Cooks and waiters who had worked at *Aqui Me Quedo* eventually opened other Puerto Rican restaurants in Hartford, included *Comerio* and *Ai Bonitas*.

AG: *Tell me about your life after high school.*

LR: I attended Eastern Connecticut State University in Willimantic and started a Latino recruitment program at Harvard and Wesleyan. I graduated in 1972 and was hired by NBC Channel 30 as an on-air reporter. I worked there for three years and also hosted the very popular Spanish-language program, “*Adelante*”. Later, I was offered my choice of reporter jobs in several cities: Chicago, San Francisco, Miami, Washington D.C., New York, and Hollywood. I chose NYC, but was told there was already a reporter named Rivera there; his first name was Geraldo. They said I’d have to change my name, but I refused to do that, so it was Hollywood. It was an ABC-owned station and my contract was with ABC. I did stories that appeared across the country and would sometimes translate them into Spanish, but the news director and station manager didn’t like that (the account of his time there is described both hilariously and poignantly in his memoir).

Rivera later went on to earn a Master’s Degree in Education and spent seven years as Headmaster at a private school in Norfolk, VA. When he began that job there were only two minority students enrolled. When he left, minority admissions had risen to 25% and test scores had increased dramatically. All in all, not bad for a boy from Hartford’s El Barrio who found his “American Dream”.

Now retired but still very active, Luis Rivera and his family—wife, children, and grandchildren—visit Puerto Rico frequently.



Living Between Cultures: From Borinquen to Hollywood is available from Amazon: ISBN 978-1735633305

Living washing pots and pans—huge heavy pots and pans that were usually crusted with dried up oatmeal left over from breakfast.

AG: *I was surprised to read that your mother was the founder of Hartford’s first Puerto Rican restaurant, Aqui Me Quedo in 1964. How did that come about?*

LR: Mom had one of those 15 cents-a-week insurance policies on Benjy and I, and it was a double indemnity policy. After Benjy died in the accident (described movingly in the book) she received \$1500. She paid \$750 for his funeral and banked the other \$750. In our building at 280 Main Street there were two businesses on the ground floor: Mr. Rose’s furniture store and a Greek grinder shop. My mother had

HOPE MATTERS

BY MICHELLE R. MCFARLAND

I am hopeful that we are preparing for a shift in all areas of life now that the election is over. I want to continue to encourage you to dig deep and find something to hope for right now.

I have a confession. COVID-19 is the reason I keep hope alive. Literally.

Instead of complaining I take action steps to a healthier alternative.

The votes are probably not counted in many states. I hope there are more opportunities to volunteer to get the ballots counted nationwide.

I hope youth of all ages understand the importance of educational excellence.

I hope the too damn high murder rate is a smidgen lower than the day before.

Hope is one day at a time.

I can vividly imagine the entire City Of Hartford resembling the waiting place in Seuss’ age old classic “Oh The Places You Will Go.

Since the line is not moving, I hope we are waiting peacefully.

I had hoped and prayed more people would vote in record numbers.

Voter turnout was stunning. I hoped the people who have refused to vote for years finally should up and understood just how much they matter.

I hoped in advance all attempts to do violence was interrupted on Election Day 2020.

HOPE allows YOU to show up for yourself and expect something POSITIVE to happen.

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Hope Creates Opportunities for our community to support one another.

Let’s keep hoping and believing things will get better soon.

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Ritter Elected Speaker of the House

I am pleased to share some exciting news. The Connecticut House Democrats have unanimously selected me as the next Speaker of the House of Representatives of the State of Connecticut.

Speaker of the House is a bipartisan office – the Speaker presides over the entire House – I will work with all members, Republicans and Democrats, as we deliberate and debate important issues over the next two years.

My experience as part of the leadership team over the past four years has been a graduate degree in legislating. I look forward to partnering with our new Majority Leader Jason Rojas and Minority Leader Vin Candelora as we work together to lead and move Connecticut forward.



Ritter receiving the gavel from outgoing Speaker Joe Aresimowicz.

There are immediate challenges, like how to conduct the people's business during a global pandemic. Our work begins immediately to ensure we have a successful and safe 2021 legislative session.

As always, I appreciate your friendship and support. I look forward to working hard on behalf of the people of Hartford and State of Connecticut.

Please contact me if I can ever be of any assistance. I can be reached at Matthew.Ritter@cga.ct.gov, on Facebook @RepresentativeMattRitter or by phone at (860) 240-8489, if you have any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,
Matt Ritter

State Offers Small Business Grants

By Minnie Gonzales, State Representative, 3rd District

In the coming days, small businesses and nonprofits impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic will be able to apply for a one-time \$5,000 grant through the Connecticut CARES Small Business Grant Program.

Eligible businesses include:

- No more than \$1.5 million in annual payroll
- 20 or fewer employees
- Home-based businesses
- For-profit businesses using any type of incorporation, and 501(c)(3), 501(c)(4), 501(c)(6), 501(c)(7), and 501(c)(19) nonprofits
- Sole proprietorships

Funds can be used for payroll, rent/mortgage, utilities, inventory, equipment purchases, and more. Approved applicants are expected to receive funds by the end of the year.

What documents are needed to complete the application?

The goal of the CT CARES grant application is to be straightforward and easy. It is not a loan that needs to be paid back. All applicants will receive funding by December 30, 2020. Minimally applicants will need, if applicable:

- Social Security number
- Federal EIN number
- State TAX ID number
- Bank Routing Number

Answers to frequently asked questions are available at https://portal.ct.gov/-/media/DECD/Covid_Business_Recovery-Phase-2-1/CT_CARES_Grant_One_Page_Updated_1132020.pdf.

Go to: <https://portal.ct.gov/DECD/Content/Coronavirus-Business-Recovery/CT-CARES-Small-Business-Grant-Program> for additional information about the program, including funding priorities, full eligibility guidelines, and office hours for applicants to access assistance with the application process.

Two City Students in Running for CT Kid Governor

Two Hartford students are final candidates in the 2020-21 race for Connecticut's Kid Governor (CTKG).

Nathan Williams, a fifth-grader at E. B. Kennelly School is running for CTKG on a platform of Ending Racism, and Sameer Shirzai at M.D. Fox Elementary School is running on a platform of College Readiness.



Nathan Williams



Sameer Shirzai

Fifth-graders across the state are voting now through November 10 to elect one of their peers to serve a year-long term as CTKG. CTKG is a national award-winning, statewide civics program created by The Connecticut Democracy Center (CTDC) at Connecticut's Old State House. The free program teaches fifth-graders about state government, voting, and the importance of civic engagement through an authentic statewide election. Each school is eligible to nominate one student to run for Connecticut's Kid Governor.

CTKG nominees submit a campaign video about a community issue important to them and a three-point plan designed to help other students take action on the issue. Seven final candidates move on to the Statewide Election where peers watch their videos, review their platforms and cast ballots to elect the student who will represent them as Connecticut's Kid Governor. The winning student serves a year-long term as CTKG with the opportunity to promote their platform via the program's website and blog, meeting and speaking with their constituents, creating resources and tools for students to take action, and participating in programs across the state.

The winner of the 2021 Connecticut's Kid Governor® (CTKG) Statewide Election will be revealed on November 19 or 20. The elected student will be sworn into office on Inauguration Day on January 15, 2021.




More Gardens of Hope

To remember those who have lost their lives to the COVID-19 pandemic, the City of Hartford is coordinating a Gardens of Hope campaign. 5,000 daffodils are being planted at 30 different spots throughout the city, and will bloom in the spring. On Saturday, November 7, two more gardens were planted. National Park Guides Pearl Wesley and Dani Beekman (above) and other volunteers planted the bulbs at the Wethersfield Avenue entrance to Colt Park, while Riverfront Recapture's Chris Hayes, local historian Wendy Pawlak and Hyacinth Yennie, President of the Maple Avenue Revitalization Group (MARG) did the job at Barry Square. (Hart photos)



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How the Town Clerk and Registrar of Voters offices survived the election

BY DONNA SWARR

The number of votes in Hartford increased, just like across the country. And like their counterparts in other states, they also experienced a huge surge in the number of

absentee ballots that were returned and needed to be processed. Typically, there are about 3,000; this year there were over 11,300. Yes, that means that about a third of the ballots counted in Hartford were turned in early and about two-thirds of the votes were placed at the polling locations. In 2008, Obama's total number votes in Hartford was about 33,000.

Were there some problems? Yes, due to COVID-19 there were long lines at some polling locations, but then again there were in 2008 as well. Each polling location had two official checkers. They did move some staff around to make sure that the staffing was balanced. The wait in lines was predicted as there were going to be fewer voting booths inside. Lines looked really long because there was six



Staff from the Registrar of Voters' and City Clerk's offices (left) join state and city leaders (and Chompers the Yard Goats mascot) at a "Vote Hartford" press conference on the day before last week's election. (Hart photo)

feet between those waiting to cast their ballots. Every year, opening up the polling locations and processing the new registrations is like jump-starting your car. Get ready and GO! There were some comments on Facebook asking why golf pencils were provided for marking ballots, a decision that was made by the Secretary of State. If you made a mistake on your ballot, you could re-do it

The city had planned to have a same-day registration tent on Burr Mall, allowing absentee ballot counting to be able to spread out in City Hall. But as we all know, it was really windy and cold, so the tent option didn't work out. The company from whom they were renting the tent decided that due to the winds and unusual pavers in Burr Mall, they wanted the city to accept liability. As a result, they changed the location where new registrations would take place, as they have in the past, to the City Hall atrium. The doors were left open to increase air flow, but it was still a lot warmer in there then it would have been on Burr Mall. There were about the same number of new registrations as in the past, 600.

Giselle Feliciano explained that "Executive orders were continuously being communicated by the Secretary of State and Governor's Office". They were adding new directives to add safety precautions due to the pandemic. Registrar Feliciano said that "There were some very long hours to make a one-day event happen." Due to all of the necessary precautions and the significant increase in absentee ballots, 15 temporary workers were hired in the Town Clerk's office and 40 in the Registrar's office. Those in the Town Clerk's Office were hired for seven weeks, which included training, setting up the process, and the actual preparation of the absentee ballots

I asked both Eric Lusa, Assistant Town Clerk and Giselle Feliciano, Registrar of Voters what their thoughts were about expanding the use of absentee ballots or early voting. Eric Lusa reminded me that the Secretary of State had tried to get the legislature to move towards early voting a few years ago. He thinks that maybe now she can successful. There are many other states that allow early voting to be used and the process has been

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Barbour Library Health Fair

On Wednesday, October 27, Hartford Public Library's Barbour Branch held a Health Fair for neighborhood residents. The event was organized by Barbour Branch Manager Irene Blean, who is shown above at right with Hartford Public Library Social Work Intern Michelle Lipar and boxes of food donated by CIGNA for distribution to those in need. The event also featured info booths from local health organizations and community agencies as well as a COVID-19 testing site. (Hart photos)

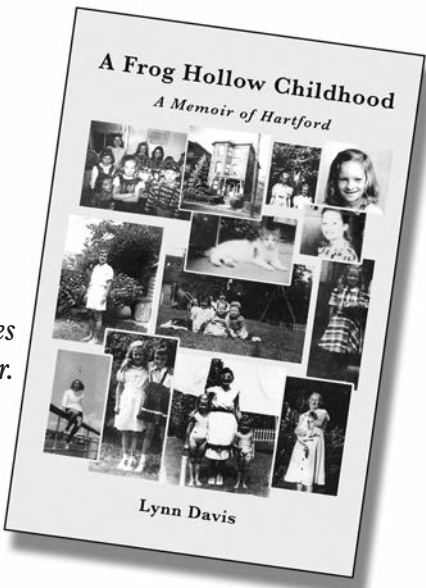
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Urban League Trunk of Treat

An October snowstorm and the COVID-19 pandemic didn't stop the Urban League of Greater Hartford from holding its "Trunk or Treat" Halloween celebration for local youngsters on Friday November 6. The event had originally been scheduled for October 30 but had to be postponed due to bad weather. Among those turning out in costume for the event were Jonathan, Tiana and Khloe Navarez (shown above with, Lynette Miranda). Among the most popular activities at the event was chalk drawing, which drew the attention of six-year-old Syahjn Payne (below), among many others. (Hart photos)



Hartford Foundation Announces \$2.5 million Initiative for Greater Hartford's Black and Latinx Communities

At its virtual Greater Together 2020 event on Tuesday, November 10, the Foundation for Public Giving announced a significant investment to dismantle structural racism and establish more equitable opportunity, economic mobility and social capital for Greater Hartford's Black and Latinx communities. With the approval of the Foundation's Board of Directors, in 2021 the organization will establish two, \$1 million grants in the name of The Prosperity Foundation, a Black-led philanthropic organization, and The Hispanic Federation – Connecticut, a Latinx-led organization. These organizations will execute grantmaking and capacity building in the Hartford region. They will possess the agency and discretion to connect stakeholders in communities of color to a wide array of resources and build power to lead substantive change.

"In response to the dual pandemics of COVID-19 and systemic racism, the Hartford Foundation has reflected on the perception of philanthropy as being a well-intentioned, powerful sector determined to "save" the community," said Hartford Foundation President Jay Williams. "We acknowledge that this philosophy can lead to doing things to or for others, with a fail-

ure to include the voices of local leaders, organizations, and stakeholders. Rather than seeking to build local capacity, it can portray the Foundation as a hero rather than empowering others to

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worked out. Giselle Feliciano said "Early voting has its pros and cons. To do so will require preparation to store all the ballots, including absentee and early votes. If it brings in more voters, I'm all for it." She also felt that the process was a transparent, and you have to trust the process and trust the civil servants to do their job. We heard that same message from Secretaries of State across the country. Yes, they did survive, but it looked like one heck of a ride.

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New Hartford Company Offers Drone Training and Certification

Barry Alexander, CEO and Founder of Aquiline Drones in Hartford, recently presented Timothy Demarest, an assembly worker from Meriden, CT, with free tuition to the Aquiline Drones Flight to the Future online drone pilot training program in order to launch a new career. Demarest, a lifelong drone-enthusiast, will earn FAA Drone Pilot Certification and gain access to the Flight to the Future job dashboard in order to start his own independent drone business.

forms of mayhem that could ultimately lead to loss of livelihood, property or even life. Further, drones are crucial to local, statewide, national and international border security. “As the demand for commercial drone operations continues to increase, Tim will be armed with the proper knowledge, mastery, certification and specialization to successfully fulfill these jobs and opportunities,” said Barry Alexander, Founder and CEO of Aquiline Drones. “He, like the rest



Tim Demarest, a drone aficionado and manufacturing employee from Meriden, officially accepts his complimentary tuition into Aquiline Drones’ proprietary Flight to the Future (F2F) program from Aquiline Drones Founder and CEO Barry Alexander. The online F2F program virtually trains and FAA-certifies new drone pilots, while preparing them for successful business ownership. (Photo by Aquiline Drones)

“This is truly a gift from the heavens as I have always been fascinated with and appreciative of drones since childhood,” said Demarest, a 19-year-old manufacturing employee. “I own a hobby drone, and actually created a video this past summer. Thanks to Aquiline Drones, what has been a hobby can now become a viable career in a field that I love!”

The commercial drone sector is growing at a rate of 13.8% compounded annually and is expected to double by 2025 to over \$42 billion as they grow in popularity and realize more potential across countless industries. Activities easily performed by drones include routine inspections of construction sites, tunnels, bridges, power lines, energy plants, railroad tracks, coastline erosion, real estate, agriculture, livestock monitoring and wildlife management. They are also unrivaled in assessing and mitigating potential natural disasters and other

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***IMPORTANT:** All in-person locations and Virtual Enrollment Fairs are by appointment only, and residents must wear a mask. To schedule, click here or visit Learn.AccessHealthCT.com/FindUs

“We would like to remind Connecticut residents that we are here to help, and all assistance to enroll or renew coverage is free,” said Chief Executive Officer of Access Health CT, James Michel. “Many have lost their health insurance due to job loss, and we want to let you know that through Access Health CT over 90% of people qualify for financial help, low-cost or free coverage that can give you peace of mind if you get sick or injured.”

Hartford Foundation Grant

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become the heroes of their own stories. These investments are intended to galvanize our Black and Latinx communities and give them the agency and power to determine where resources should be spent.” “We sincerely thank the Hartford Foundation for Public Giving for sowing an important seed into the Prosperity Foundation to begin to address the grave wrongs against Black People due to over 400 years of systemic socioeconomic, psychological and physiological oppression,” said The Prosperity Fund Board Chair Howard K. Hill. “This \$1-million investment into TPF is an important first step needed to bridge a 225-year wealth-gap when it comes to our whole health, education, economic development and overall sustainability for a people badly in need of the opportunity to heal, repair, restore and renew itself.”

“Hispanic Federation applauds the Hartford Foundation for Public Giving’s (HFPG) bold leadership and commitment to achieving a more equitable and inclusive Greater Hartford Region. As Latinos have been disproportionately impacted by the current health pandemic due to historical inequities, we commend this unprecedented investment of \$1M to advance the social and economic vitality of the region’s Latinx communities and in the Latino nonprofit sector,” said Frankie Miranda, President of Hispanic Federation. “This contribution is a prime example of HFPG’s stewardship - intentionally aligning with communities of color to serve the people they directly represent. At this notable juncture in history, we are proud to partner with HFPG and look forward to the work ahead.”

In addition, the Hartford Foundation is establishing two five-

year, \$250,000 flex-funds to support the Foundation’s own key stakeholders of color through its Latino Endowment Fund and Black Giving Circle Fund. These additional resources will empower the two giving circles to increase their grantmaking capacity by up to \$50,000 per year for the next five years and/or contribute up to \$50 thousand per year to their endowment to increase their perpetual grantmaking capacity.

The Foundation also announced its intention to launch a fund aimed at dismantling racism that will seek to address the structural barriers that limit opportunity for our Black and Latinx neighbors. Starting in 2021, this fund will provide current and new donors the opportunity to help the Foundation expand and sustain its work. The Foundation will also host a series of opportunities to learn more about its efforts to dismantle racism, through discussions and convenings, focused on various aspects of structural racism, inclusive economic mobility and increasing social capital in the 29 towns of the Hartford region.

“The Foundation plans to “lean in” and engage with our donors, nonprofit partners, elected officials and residents across the region to connect and learn together how we can be true to our mission of “putting philanthropy into action to create lasting solutions that result in vibrant communities within the Greater Hartford region,” Williams said.

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Italian Night Drive Thru Fundraiser

The Youth Ministry Group (YMG) at North American Martyrs Parish in East Hartford will hold an Italian Dinner Fundraiser on Saturday, November 14. Proceeds will be used to help pay for the TMG’s 2021 Mission Trip.

Dinners can be picked up from 3-5:30 pm Saint Mary’s Hall (Parking Lot), 30 Maplewood Ave, East Hartford. The menu includes sausage & peppers (or meatballs) with pasta and roll and italian ice. A vegetarian option is also available. Cost is \$10 per dinner. Tickets must be purchased by November 9th. There will also be a 50/50 Raffle. Tickets available at time of food pickup. For ticket sales call YGM Volunteers Lucie Almeida, (860) 289-7916 or Tony Matta, (860) 833-8573.

Avisos de oferta de CRCOG

Todos los avisos de licitación para el Consejo de Compras de la Región del Capitolio están disponibles en <https://crcog.bonfirehub.com/>. CRCOG también está solicitando propuestas de servicios para Crumbling Foundations. Si tiene alguna pregunta, comuníquese con la oficina del CRPC al 860-724-4292 o envíe un correo electrónico a crpcstaff@crcog.org. Las ciudades se reservan el derecho de rechazar cualquiera o todas las ofertas, o cualquier parte de alguna o todas las ofertas, si se considera que dicha acción es en el mejor interés de las ciudades.

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hold its 12th Annual Turkey Drive this Sunday, November 15 from 8am - 12pm. The following items are needed: frozen turkeys (no fresh or live turkeys please); bags/boxes of stuffing mix; and canned vegetables (large cans). Items will be collected outside of the Franciscan Center for Urban Ministry, 285 Church Street, Downtown Hartford. PLEASE REMEMBER TO WEAR YOUR MASK! Items collected will benefit the House of Bread.

Jazz Society Fundraiser

The Hartford Jazz Society (HJS) will present its 60th Anniversary Concert and Fundraiser, Friday November 13, 7-9pm on HJS Facebook Live. Special guest will be trombonist/seashellist Steve Turre. Mr Turre will be leading an all-star sextet with: Orion Turre, drums; Wallace Roney Jr., trumpet; Emilio Modeste, tenor saxophone; Isaiah Thompson, piano; and Corcoran Holt, acoustic bass. This event is also serving as HJS's annual fundraiser, with all donations going towards our programming and scholarship activities. Please donate now, during the event or afterwards at: hartfordjazzsociety.com/donate/. Like the recent PBMNJ Concerts, all concerts in this Fall series can be viewed on the Hartford Jazz

Society facebook page (note: you do not have to be a FB subscriber to view these events). Facebook members should LIKE the HJS page to make sure you are notified for all the events. If you would like to support the Hartford Jazz Society to fund streaming concerts, please consider making a donation or becoming a member.

Elizabeth Park Holiday Boutique this Weekend

The Elizabeth Park Conservancy will host its annual Holiday Boutique this Saturday, November 14, and Sunday, November 15, from 11 am - 4 pm at the Garmany Visitor Center in the park, 1563 Asylum Avenue, West Hartford. Various vendors will have a variety of unique gifts for sale.

Rally Against Police Brutality Saturday

A statewide coalition of over a dozen community groups will stage a rally against police brutality this Saturday, November 14. Participants are asked to gather in their vehicles at 11:45 am at Keney Park in Hartford. Vehicles will then travel through Hartford in a caravan to the State Capitol. Expected arrival time is 2 pm. If you do not have a vehicle, please gather near the corner of Market and State Streets in Downtown

Hartford. This group will then march to the Capitol.

Local Police Departments Seek Female Recruits

This Saturday, November 14, four local police departments will hold a recruitment information session geared especially for women who are considering a career in law enforcement. The session will be held from 12-2 pm at Parker Memorial Community Center, 2621 Main Street, Hartford. The event is being hosted by the State Police and the Hartford, Manchester and East Hartford Police Departments.

KNOX Harvest Fair November 21

KNOX, Inc. will hold its Annual Harvest Market on Saturday November 21, from 10 am – 2pm in the organization's greenhouse at 75 Laurel Street. A wide variety of locally grown and made foods and other items will be on sale. In addition, the Hartford Urban Gardeners Society (HUGS) will also announce the winners of their 2021 HUGS Award at 1pm during the event. Over 20 nominations that were submitted from throughout Hartford in 3 categories (private/home, public/business, or community/organization) for their gardening and landscaping efforts. Admission is free. You must wear a mask.

CRT Offers Job Training in Two Careers

The Community Renewal Team (CRT) is launching two career training programs though its affiliate YouthBuild USA. Residents of Hartford and East Hartford, ages 18-24, can train for a career in healthcare or construction. One program will qualify you as a Certified Nursing Assistant (CNA) or Medical Assistant; the second provides construction skills training with OSHA Certification. Both programs will provide a weekly stipend for trainees. A high school diploma is not necessary; you will receive assistance with obtaining your GED. For more information, call 860-560-5308, ext. 227.

Council to Launch Public Safety Campaign

The recent rise of reckless driving in Hartford is no secret. City residents see it every day and night: running red lights and stop signs, speeding and other traffic violations seem to happen on a regular basis. In response to this and other problems and concerns, Hartford City Council has launched an effort to re-examine how Hartford addresses public safety. Input from residents is encouraged. If you are interested in becoming involved in this effort, please contact City Council President Maly Rosado's office at 860-757-9578 or email to maly.rosado@hartford.gov.

Mike McGarry

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urban gardens, along with Bushnell Park, the State Capitol and other historic sites.

Thursday, June 10th: Parkville

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Saturday, June 12: Gems of the North End

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Sunday, June 13th: South End

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El Informativo Latino



Asylum Avenue Brass Band

Tim Rechen, director y tocador de sousáfono de la Asylum Avenue Brass Band. Desde la pandemia, muchos músicos han tenido dificultades para encontrar conciertos. Para cuando llegó septiembre, habían pasado 6 meses desde el inicio de la pandemia y no había tenido la oportunidad de actuar desde entonces. Estaba buscando una razón para volver a tocar con otras personas, y tuve la idea de comenzar mi propia banda de música estilo Nueva Orleans para tocar todos los domingos en Elizabeth Park por diversión. La banda está compuesta principalmente por personas con las que solía tocar cuando estaba en la escuela secundaria y en la universidad. No fui capaz de armar una banda de solo ellos, así que publiqué en un grupo de Facebook de músicos locales para que la banda tuviera el tamaño que quería. No me tomó mucho tiempo encontrar a las personas que necesitaba. ¡Resulta que otros músicos también estaban ansiosos por tocar con otros de nuevo! Tocamos en nuestro primer show el domingo 27 de septiembre, y hemos tocado todos los domingos desde entonces, con la excepción del domingo pasado, el 1 de noviembre, cuando llovió. Cuando empezamos, solo estuvimos jugando durante una hora, pero ahora estamos jugando de 12:30-2:15 con un breve descanso de 15 minutos en el medio. Los miembros de la banda son los siguientes: Saxofón tenor- Harry Klieve; Trompeta- Joe Keown, Peter Hoyle; Trombón: Mike Schober, Scott O'Brien; Batería- Elliot Wallace; and Director y Sousaphone- Tim Rechen (yo mismo).

Hospitalizaciones por Covi-19 en Connecticut la más alta desde mayo

Las hospitalizaciones relacionadas con COVID de Connecticut han alcanzado un total de 500, que es un número no visto desde el 29 de mayo.

Hubo un aumento de 94 hospitalizaciones desde el viernes.

El gobernador Ned Lamont dijo que el estado ha duplicado las hospitalizaciones en las últimas semanas.

La tasa de positividad del estado es del 3.7%, con 3.338 personas más que dieron positivo por el virus durante el fin de semana.

Otras 27 personas han muerto. El número de muertos en el estado

es ahora de 4.698.

Mientras tanto, Pfizer anunció el lunes que los primeros datos de su vacuna contra el coronavirus desarrollada junto con la empresa de biotecnología alemana BioNTech muestran que su vacuna fue más del 90% efectiva para prevenir el COVID-19 entre aquellos sin evidencia de infección previa.

La noticia fue bien recibida por expertos en salud de todo el mundo.

"Con esta vacuna en particular, no se cortaron las esquinas", dijo Burkhardt.

Cerca de 200 empleados están trabajando en este proyecto de vacunación en Groton.

Un factor importante cuando salga la vacuna es decidir quién tiene la capacidad de almacenarla y quién será capaz de almacenarla a bajas temperaturas, según el presidente y director ejecutivo de Trinity Health of New England, el Dr. Reginald Eadie.

Se dará prioridad a los trabajadores de la salud, los socorristas y las personas en alto riesgo en el estado, dijo Eadie. *By Iris Rodriguez*

El evento de West Hartford promueve la esperanza y la sanación después de las elecciones

Para las docenas de personas que se reunieron en West Hartford para un mitin el domingo, este fue un momento que tenía como objetivo ayudar a sanar y brindar esperanza.

"Para demostrar cómo un pequeño paso como este puede ser de gran ayuda para todos nosotros en la comunicación y la conexión", dijo Gail Crockett de West Hartford.

Después de un período político divisivo, las personas aquí parecían unirse, desde miembros de la comunidad hasta líderes locales. Creo que la gente está agotada por esta elección y necesita un poco de tiempo y espacio para procesar su, ya sabes, hacia dónde vamos y cómo podemos proceder juntos como país", dijo la alcaldesa de West Hartford, Shari Cantor.

Cantor dijo que esta es una oportunidad para llegar a aquellos que



quizás no tengan las mismas opiniones, incluidos amigos y familiares.

"Amo a mis familiares que no votaron de la misma manera que yo. Tengo que escucharlos. Tengo que intentar comprenderlos. Tengo que poder hablar con ellos", dijo Cantor.

Los miembros de la comunidad organizaron este evento, que tenía como objetivo dejar de lado la política y enfocarse en el futuro del país. Ahí es donde hay grandes desafíos, incluida la pandemia y la economía.

"Tenemos mucho trabajo duro que hacer en este país y comienza con todos y cada uno de nosotros con los más pequeños actos de bondad", dijo Crockett.

Si bien en estos días es más fácil estar rodeado de personas que comparten creencias similares, los que asistieron al evento esperan que las personas se conecten más con gente nueva, entablen conversaciones y descubran las cosas en común que nos unen a todos. *By Iris Rodriguez*

Access Health Ct Inicia El Período De Inscripción Anual

El período de Inscripción comenzó el 1 de noviembre y termina el 15 de diciembre

Access Health CT (AHCT) anunció hoy que ya ha comenzado el período de Inscripción Anual de 2021. Los residentes de Connecticut pueden inscribirse o renovar sus planes de seguro de salud en el mercado oficial de seguros de salud del 1 de noviembre al 15 de diciembre de 2020, y su cobertura comenzará el 1 de enero de 2021.

Access Health CT es el mercado oficial de seguros de salud del estado, donde puede buscar, comparar e inscribirse en planes de cuidado de salud de calidad; y es el único lugar donde puede calificar para recibir ayuda financiera para reducir sus costos, o ser elegible para cobertura gratuita o de bajo costo a través de HUSKY Health (Medicaid/Plan de seguro de salud para niños/CHIP).

Durante los últimos meses,

AHCT ha trabajado para mejorar y adaptar sus canales de inscripción para ayudar a tantos residentes como sea posible a obtener la cobertura que necesitan; tomando todas las medidas de seguridad necesarias para ayudar a las personas a inscribirse o renovar su plan de seguro de salud.

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- En persona en un Centro de Inscripción* en Groton, Bridgeport, New Haven, New Britain, Stamford o Hartford. Para obtener más información, haga clic aquí.

*IMPORTANTE: Todos los centros de inscripción en persona, y Ferias de Inscripción Virtual son solamente con cita, y los residentes deben usar una mascarilla. Para programar una cita, haga clic aquí o visite Learn.AccessHealthCT.com/es/en-cuentranos

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